Report of association for India's Development

†2546. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently published Survey Report of Association for India's Development in which 81 per cent nonresident Indians have conceded that no work is done without corruption in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have also accepted that bribe is taken for giving them passport and international permit as well as during customs clearance;

(c) if so, whether Government would take any steps to check corruption in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d). Information on any survey conducted by any NGO or international agency is not centrally maintained. However, the Government is fully committed to implement its policy of ''Zero Tolerance'' on corruption and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life. Several steps have been initiated to remove corruption and to improve functioning of Government. Important among these steps are:—

(i) Enactment of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(ii) Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(iii) Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(iv) The pro-active involvement of Ministries/Departments through Annual Action Plan on vigilance; and

(v) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC.

Government organizations are also constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.

Manpower shortage in CBI

2547. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether new cases get referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation every other day and its operations are severely hampered by acute manpower

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